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DRAWINGS

Applicant has attached amended drawings that show the figure of a woman being identified by the number 204 instead of 104 in location 200.

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REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed on October 5, 2005, the Examiner objected to Figure 1; objected to claim 29; rejected claims 15-42 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite; rejected claims 6-23, 28-33 and 36-47 under 35 U.S.C. 101 as not claiming statutory subject matter; rejected claims 43-47 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application No. 2003/0070174 A1 to Solomon and rejected claims 1-6 and 12-42 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Solomon in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,887,253 to O'Neil.

In response, Applicant has corrected Figure 1, cancelled claims 1-47 and added new claims 48-51. No new matter has been added.

Claims 48-51 are patentable over Solomon and O'Neil as neither teaches or describes a security separable module that is coupled to a set-top box via a port on the set-top box. For at least this reason, claims 48-51 are allowable.

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CONCLUSION

No fees are believed due for this response. However, the Office is authorized to charge any additional fees or underpayments of fees (including fees for petitions for extensions of time) under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 to account number 502117. Any overpayments should be credited to the same account.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application, withdrawal of the rejections made in the last Office Action and the issuance of a Notice of Allowance. The Applicant's representative can be reached at the below telephone number if the Examiner has any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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